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TOWN OF HERNDON APPOINTS ELIZABETH M. GILLERAN AS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Herndon, VA (September 10, 2007) – Arthur A. Anselene, acting town manager for the Town of Herndon, today announced the appointment of Elizabeth M. Gilleran to the post of director of Community Development. Gilleran had been serving as acting director, following the departure of long-time director Henry G. Bibber in June 2007.

Gilleran, who joined the Town of Herndon's Community Development department in 1994 as a planner, was promoted in 1998 to the post of zoning administrator/senior planner. In this role she supervised the current planning division of the department; managed the Town's zoning enforcement effort; provided staff support to the Town Council and boards and commissions; and negotiated with the development community, citizens and other impacted constituencies regarding development proposals in the Town.

Prior to joining the Town staff, Gilleran held planning and zoning positions within the private and public sectors, including Loudoun County and the City of Falls Church. She holds a BA in English from Georgetown University and a Masters of Urban Planning from the University of Virginia and has studied landscape architecture at the University of Massachusetts.

According to Anselene, Gilleran's selection followed a wide-ranging recruitment effort, during which many well-qualified candidates were interviewed. "The Town of Herndon is at the threshold of numerous ambitious development projects, including the potential for major redevelopment of our downtown," he said. "We wanted to be certain that the individual we hired would possess the necessary skills to represent the interests of the Town Council and Herndon's citizens in development, planning and zoning issues.

"Lisa Gilleran has the design and planning skills necessary to ensure the highest quality future development and community planning program for the Town, as evidenced by her leadership in the development of the Town's 2030 Comprehensive Plan," Anselene said. "She has led the community inspection division's effort to improve neighborhoods through zoning and through enhanced focus on excessive occupancy.

"In our final evaluation, Lisa Gilleran has the expertise, experience and insight to lead the Town's Community Development department during this critical time in the Town's growth and development," Anselene concluded. "We are fortunate to have a professional of Lisa's caliber among our ranks, and we look forward to working with her in this leadership position."

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the "best affordable suburbs" in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

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